



NP545

54Mbps Wireless USB Adapter

PACKAGE CONTENTS

The following contents should be found in your box:

- One NP545 USB Wireless Adapter
- One USB extension cable
- Quick Installation Guide
- One NP545 Wireless Adapter Resource CD, including:
 - Utility and Drivers
 - User Guide
 - Other Helpful Information

Note: If any of the listed contents is damaged or missing, please contact the retailer from whom you purchased the NP545 Wireless Adapter for assistance.

CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview of the product

The NetComm NP545 USB Wireless Adapter gives you the flexibility to install your PC or notebook PC in the most convenient location available, without the cost of running the network cables.

Its auto-sensing capability allows high packet transfer up to 54Mbps for maximum throughput, or dynamic range shifting to lower speeds due to distance or operating limitations in an environment with a lot of electromagnetic interference. It can also interoperate with all 11Mbps wireless (802.11b) products. Your wireless communications are protected by up to 128-bit WEP and WPA/WPA2 encryption, so your data stays secure.

1.2 Features

- Complies with IEEE802.11g, IEEE802.11b standards
- Supports WPA data security, IEEE802.1x authentication, TKIP/AES encryption, 64/128-bit WEP encryption, WPA2
- Supports 54/48/36/24/18/12/9/6Mbps or 11/5.5/3/2/1Mbps wireless LAN data transfer rates
- Provides USB interface
- Supports Ad-Hoc and Infrastructure modes
- Supports roaming between access points when configured in Infrastructure mode
- Eases configuration and provides monitoring information
- Supports Windows 98SE, Me, 2000, XP, Vista
- Internal Antenna

1.3 LED Status

The LED on the top of this card indicates Link/Act status. It blinks at green light when sending and receiving data.

CHAPTER 2 - INSTALLATION GUIDE

2.1 Software Installation

2.1.1 Overview

The Adapter's Setup Wizard will guide you through the installation procedure for Windows 98SE, Me, 2000 and XP. The Setup Wizard will help you install the Utility and drivers.

If you install the hardware before the software, you will be prompted "Found New Hardware Wizard", click the Cancel button, and run the Setup Wizard program on the CD-ROM. The Setup steps for Windows 98SE, Me, 2000 and XP are very similar. The following setup steps are for Windows 2000.

2.1.2 Software Installation for Windows 2000

1. Insert the Resource CD into your CD-ROM drive, click the **Start** button and choose **Run**. In the field that appears, enter F:\software\Setup.exe ("F" is the letter of your CD-ROM drive)., figure 2-1 should then appear.
2. You can click the **Cancel** button to abort the installation on the Preparing Setup screen, figure 2-1. Otherwise, the Setup Wizard will display a screen similar to that shown in figure 2-2 after a moment.

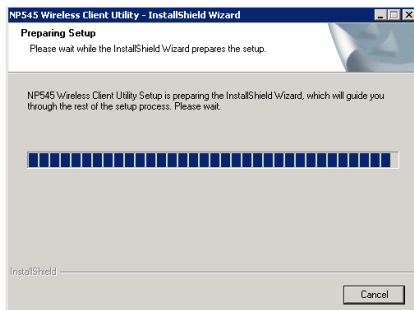


Figure 2-1 Preparing Setup

3. To continue, click the **Next** button on the screen, figure 2-2. Click the **Cancel** button to abort the Installation.

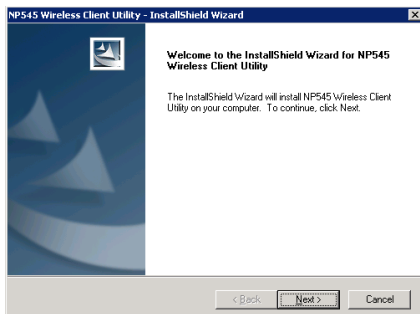


Figure 2-2 Start Setup

- Click **Browse** to change the destination location for the software. Click **Next** to continue the Installation. Click **Back** to return to the previous page, or click **Cancel** to abort the Installation.
- While files are copying, you will see a warning box shown in figure 2-3. Please select **YES** to continue installation. Our drivers have been tested thoroughly, and are able to work with the operating system.

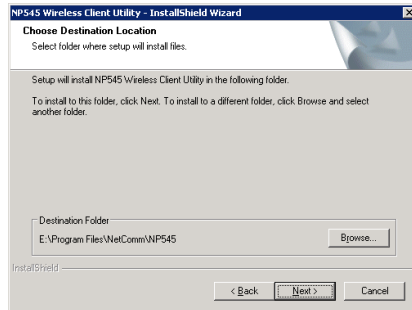


Figure 2-3 Windows 2000 Warning Box

- After the files have been successfully copied, the screen in figure 2-4 will appear. Click the **Finish** button to finish the wizard.

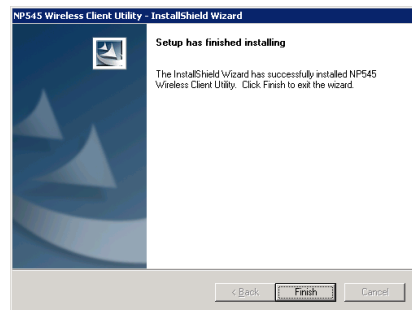


Figure 2-4 Finish

- After installing the software, Please plug the adapter into your PC. If you need instructions as to how to do this, please refer to section 2.2 **Hardware Installation**. If you have plugged it into your PC already, please un-plug it and plug it back in. The OS will automatically detect the adapter and setup the driver for the adapter. If it does not, please follow the windows setup steps to finish the driver installation.

After installing the driver successfully, you should see an icon,  or  , appear in your system tray.

2.2 Hardware Installation

1. Connect one end of the USB cable to the Adapter.
2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB port on your computer. Because the Adapter gets its power from the host, there is no external power supply. The LED should light up when the Adapter is plugged in and the PC is on.

2.3 Uninstall Software

2.3.1 Uninstall the driver software from your PC



1. On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **System** icon, click on the **Hardware** tab in the **System** window.
3. Click on the **Device Manager** button, double-click **Network Adapters**, and then right-click **NP545 Wireless Adapter**.
4. Click **Uninstall...**, the system will uninstall the driver software of the adapter from your PC.

2.3.2 Uninstall the utility software from your PC


1. On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click the **Add/Remove Programs** icon, find the NP545 program from the installed program list, highlight it and click the **Remove** button.
3. Following the Install Shield Wizard will uninstall the utility software from your PC.

CHAPTER 3 - CONFIGURATION

NetComm NP545 USB Wireless Adapter can be configured by its utility. This section describes how to configure your USB Wireless Adapter for wireless connectivity on your Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) and use the data security encryption features.

After the Adapter's driver and utility has been installed, the adapter's tray icon,  or  , will appear in your system tray. It means the utility is running on your system. If the utility does not run, you can run the utility by clicking: **Start> Program> NetComm> NP545> NP545 Wireless Client Utility**. If the icon still does not appear, the driver or utility may be installed incorrectly or the adapter is unplugged, please try again.


Icon  means the connection has been established. Icon  means there is no connection.

Double-click the icon  and the configuration screen of the utility will appear. You can also run the Utility by clicking: **Start> Program> NetComm> NP545> NP545 Wireless Client Utility**. The utility provides a complete and easy to use set of tools to:

- Display current status information
- Edit and add configured profiles
- Display current diagnostics information

The section below introduces these above capabilities.

Note: If your OS is Windows XP, you can use Windows XP to configure the wireless network settings. (To use this function, you must upgrade the OS with sp1).

If you want to use Windows XP to configure wireless network settings, just exit the utility. Right-click the icon  at the bottom of the screen, and click Exit to exit the utility.

3.1 Profile

Click the **Profile** tab of the utility and the **Profile** screen will appear, figure 3-1. The **Profile** screen provides tools to:

- Add a Profile
- Delete a profile
- Edit a profile
- Activate a profile

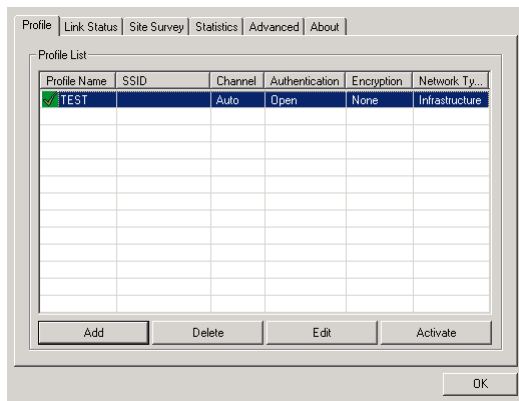


Figure 3-1 Profile Tab

To create a new profile, click the **Add** button on the Profile tab, the **Profile** configuration screen will appear as shown in figure 3-2.

To edit a profile, highlight the desired profile name on **Profile Name** list, and click the **Edit** button, the **Profile** configuration screen will appear shown in figure 3-1.

To delete a profile, highlight the desired profile name on **Profile Name** list, and click the **Delete** button.

To switch to another profile, highlight the desired profile name on **Profile Name** list, and click the **Activate** button.

Note: Do not forget to click the Apply button when you create a new profile for connection.

3.1.1 Add or Edit a Configuration Profile

To add a new configuration profile, click Add button on the Profile Management tab. To modify a configuration profile, select the configuration from the Profile list and click Edit. The Profile Management dialog box will display a screen similar to that shown in Figure 3-2.

1. Edit the Configuration tab

- **Profile Name** - Identifies the configuration profile. This name must be unique. Profile names are not case-sensitive.
- **SSID** - The IEEE 802.11 wireless network name. This field has a maximum limit of 32 characters.
- **PSM (Power Save Mode)**
 - **CAM (Constantly Awake Mode)** – Continuous Access Mode.
 - **PSM (Power Saving Mode)** - Power Saving mode.
- **Network Type** – Displays the wireless mode, either Ad-hoc or Infrastructure mode
- **Preamble** – Specifies the preamble setting in 802.11b. The default setting is Auto Switch (access point mode), which allows both short and long headers in the 802.11b frames. The adapter can only use short radio headers if the access point supports and uses them.
- **RTS Threshold** – Default is 2312.
- **Fragment Threshold** – Default is 2312.
- **Ad-hoc mode** – Displays the wireless mode, either Only 802.11B or 802.11B/G mode.
- **Channel** – Shows the current channel in use. This field determines which operating frequency will be used.

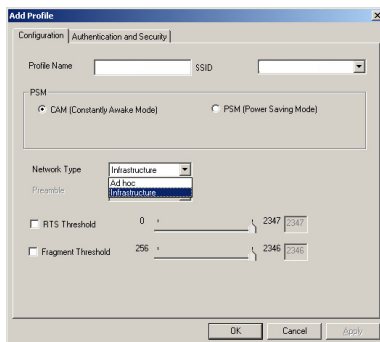


Figure 3-2 Add Profile - configuration

2. Edit the Authentication and Security tab

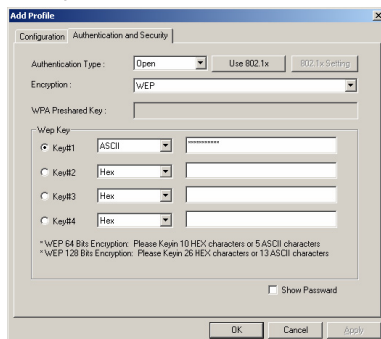


Figure 3-3 Add Profile – configuration

- **Authentication Type** – Three options, Open System, Shared-Key System, LEAP, WPA/WPA2, WPA-PSK, WPA2-PSK.
- **802.1x Setting** – It enables when Authentication Type is setting to WPA/WPA2.
- **Encryption** – Displays which encryption type that the driver is using. When you select **Open System, Shared-Key System** as **Network Authentication**, there are two options: **WEP** and **Disabled**. If you select **WPA-PSK** as **Network Authentication**, there are **TKIP** and **AES** options instead of **WEP** and **Disabled**.
- **Wep Key** – Key #1, Key #2, Key #3, Key #4, the Key groups. You can enter 10 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F) or 5 ASCII characters for 64-bit (also called 40bits) encryption. You can enter 26 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F) or 13 ASCII characters for 128-bit (also called 104bits) encryption.
- **WPA Preshared key** – When you select WPA-PSK or WPA2-PSK Authentication, you need to enter the WPA Preshared key. This key can be from 8 to 63 characters and contain special characters and spaces.

3.2 Link Status

The Link Status tab displays the adapter's current status.

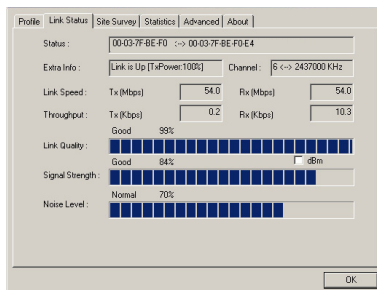


Figure 3-4 Link Status

The following table describes the items found on the Network Status screen.

- **Status** – Shows whether the station is connected to the wireless network, if not connected, display **RF is closed**; if connected, display AP name and BSSID.
- **Extra Info** – Shows link status and the current channel in use.
- **Link Speed** – Shows the current max Transfer rate, unit is Mbit/sec.
- **Throughput** – Displays Tx and Rx rate, unit is Kbits/sec.
- **Link Quality** – Shows the quality of the signal.
- **Signal Strength** – Shows the strength of the signal.
- **Noise Level** – Shows the signal noise level.

3.3 Site Survey

Click the **Site Survey** tab of the Utility and the **Site Survey** screen will appear. On the **Site Survey** screen you can scan the Available Infrastructure and Ad Hoc Networks.

Click the **Rescan** button to refresh the list at any time. Highlight an SSID and click the **Connect** button to connect to an available network.

3.4 Statistics

The **Statistics** tab shows receiving and transmitting statistical information for the following receive and transmit diagnostics for frames received by or transmitted to the wireless network adapter. Click the **Reset Counter** button to reset the count of the statistics information.

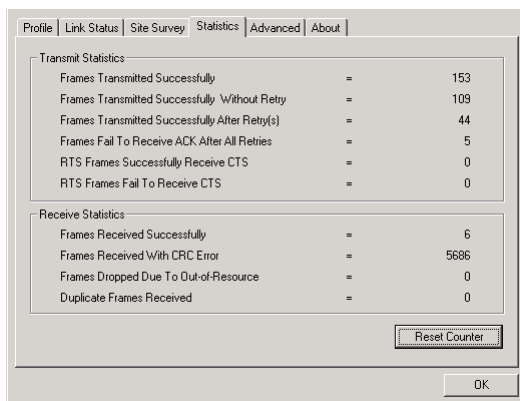


Figure 3-5 Statistics tab

3.5 Advanced

On this Screen, you can configure Advance Settings.

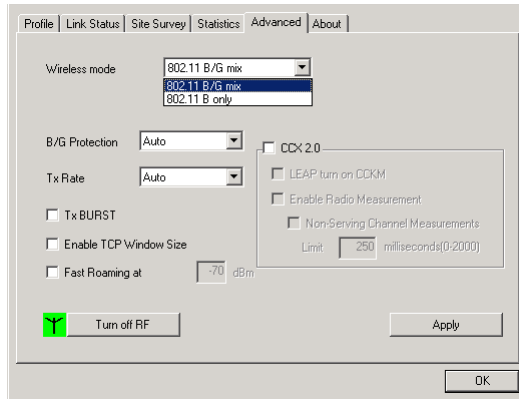


Figure 3-6 Advanced

- **Wireless mode** - Displays the wireless mode, either **802.11B/G mix** or **802.11B only**.
- **B/G Protection** - There are three options: either **Auto** or **On**, or **Off**.
- **TxRate** - Shows the current Transfer rate.
- **TxBURST** - It can translate more data when it enable.
- **Fast Roaming at** - Roaming will disable when Transmit Power is below some dBm.
- **Turn off RF** - The wireless radio of this adapter can be enabled or disabled. You can turn the wireless radio off by selecting the check-box.
- **Apply** - Click the **Apply** button to save the current setting.

3.6 About

This screen displays some information about this adapter, including Driver Date, Driver Version, Utility Date, Utility Version, MAC Address, IP Address, SubMask, Power Save mode and Preamble.

- **Utility Version** - The version of this utility.
- **Utility Date** - The creation date of this utility.
- **Driver Version** - The version of the wireless network adapter driver.
- **Driver Date** - The creation date of the wireless network adapter driver.
- **EEPROM Version** - The version of this EEPROM/Firmware.
- **IP Address** - The IP address of the wireless network.
- **Phy_Address** - The MAC address of the wireless network adapter.
- **SubMask** - The subnet mask of the wireless network.
- **Default Gateway** - The default gateway of the wireless network.

3.7 An example for application

Suppose you have an installed AP, the SSID is NetComm and it adopts 64-bit encryption with the key 0123456789. To establish a connection with this AP, you should follow these steps below:

1. Launch NP545 Wireless Client Utility.
2. Click the **Profile** tab of the utility and click the **New** button on the screen that appears.
3. The Profile configuration screen will appear, please enter Test for the Profile Name, NetComm for the SSID, select Infrastructure for the Network Mode, select WEP for the Data Encryption and enter 0123456789 for Network key.
4. Click **OK** to save this profile.
5. Click **Apply** on the Profile screen. The utility will establish a connection with this AP by configured profile.

APPENDIX A: SPECIFICATIONS

Normal	
Interface	A-type USB 2.0 Connector
Standards	IEEE802.11b; IEEE802.11g
Operating System	Windows 98Se, Me, 2000, XP, Vista
Transmission Distance	In door up to 100m, out door up to 300m (it is limited to the environment).
Radio Data Rate	54/48/36/24/18/12/9/6Mbps or 11/5.5/3/2/1Mbps (Auto Rate Sensing)
Modulation	1M DBPSK; 2M DQPSK; 5.5M, 11M CCK; 6M, 9M, 12M, 18M, 24M, 36M, 48M, 54M OFDM;
Media Access Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK
Transmit Power	22dBm (Typical)
Data Security	WPA; 64/128 BIT WEP; TKIP/AES; IEEE802.1x authentication, WPA2
Frequency	2.4 ~ 2.4835GHz
Spread Spectrum	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
Power Consumption	Typically 480mA in full Transmit (TX), 420mA in full Receive (RX)
Safety & Emissions	FCC, CE
Physical Environmental	
Operating Temp	0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F)
Storage Temp	-40°C – 70°C (-40°F~158°F)
Humidity	10% - 95% RH, Non-condensing
Dimensions (WxDxH)	86x26x12 mm

APPENDIX B: LEGAL & REGULATORY INFORMATION

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- (2) This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the Standards for C-Tick and or A-Tick as set by the ACA . These standards are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio noise and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions detailed within this manual, may cause interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur with the installation of this product in your home or office. If this equipment does cause some degree of interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, we encourage the user to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:
 - Change the direction or relocate the receiving antenna.
 - Increase the separation between this equipment and the receiver.
 - Connect the equipment to an alternate power outlet on a different power circuit from that to which the receiver/TV is connected.
 - Consult an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- (3) The power supply that is provided with this unit is only intended for use with this product. Do not use this power supply with any other product or do not use any other power supply that is not approved for use with this product by NetComm. Failure to do so may cause damage to this product, fire or result in personal injury.

Product Warranty

The warranty is granted on the following conditions:

1. This warranty extends to the original purchaser (you) and is not transferable;
2. This warranty shall not apply to software programs, batteries, power supplies, cables or other accessories supplied in or with the product;
3. The customer complies with all of the terms of any relevant agreement with NetComm and any other reasonable requirements of NetComm including producing such evidence of purchase as NetComm may require;
4. The cost of transporting product to and from NetComm's nominated premises is your responsibility; and,
5. NetComm does not have any liability or responsibility under this warranty where any cost, loss, injury or damage of any kind, whether direct, indirect, consequential, incidental or otherwise arises out of events beyond NetComm's reasonable control. This includes but is not limited to: acts of God, war, riot, embargoes, acts of civil or military authorities, fire, floods, electricity outages, lightning, power surges, or shortages of materials or labour.
6. The customer is responsible for the security of their computer and network at all times. Security features may be disabled within the factory default settings. NetComm recommends that you enable these features to enhance your security.

The warranty is automatically voided if:

1. You, or someone else, use the product, or attempts to use it, other than as specified by NetComm;
2. The fault or defect in your product is the result of a voltage surge subjected to the product either by the way of power supply or communication line, whether caused by thunderstorm activity or any other cause(s);
3. The fault is the result of accidental damage or damage in transit, including but not limited to liquid spillage;
4. Your product has been used for any purposes other than that for which it is sold, or in any way other than in strict accordance with the user manual supplied;
5. Your product has been repaired or modified or attempted to be repaired or modified, other than by a qualified person at a service centre authorised by NetComm; and,
6. The serial number has been defaced or altered in any way or if the serial number plate has been removed.

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- Repair of the Goods; or
- Payment of the cost of replacing the Goods; or
- Payment of the cost of having the Goods repaired.

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Contact Information

If you have any technical difficulties with your product, please do not hesitate to contact NetComm's Customer Support Department.

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Note: NetComm Technical Support for this product only covers the basic installation and features outlined in the Quick Start Guide. For further information regarding the advanced features of this product, please refer to the configuring sections in the User Guide or contact a Network Specialist.